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Izmir Club tops in USAFE

By Tanju Varlikli

425th ABG host nation advisor

Bayrakli Park's Izmir Club won USAFE's collocated club of the year award for 2006.

The award is largely the result of following the simple rule of give the

customers what they want, according to Mr. Paul Freund, the 425th Air Base Group Services director.

"The Izmir Club has earned a great reputation for delivering the types of services desired by our customers to the Izmir American Community," he said. "When talking about

the types of services desired, I think a lot of that is community-wide programs, like Sports Day, Family Day or free holiday brunches for all clubmembers."

The year has been a turbulent one for the club, but not at its cus-

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Belly dancing performances on Turkish-American Nights are one of many popular events offered by the Izmir Club at Bayrakli Park. The club's ability to meet customer desires resulted in the facility earning USAFE's collocated club of the year award for 2006.

Photo by Master Sgt. James A. Rush

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Visitor access to exchange, commissary facility limited

By Master Sgt. James A. Rush
425th ABG Public Affairs

Visitors are no longer permitted in the base exchange or commissary sections of the Izmir BX facility, according to a 425th Air Base Group commander policy letter released April 20.

People authorized access to the

building may still sign in visitors, but guests will only be allowed in the concessions area. Visitors must display their badge and must be with their escort at all times.

The letter also reminds authorized patrons that they may not purchase goods for anyone other than immediate family members living in their household.

USAFE adopts 0-1-3-0 initiative

Fellow USAFE Team members,

I wanted to take a moment to thank each of you for all the hard work you're doing as we continue to fight this global war on terrorism. I assure you, your efforts are appreciated at home and across all levels of the DoD.

I also want to take a moment to emphasize safety.

Keeping our Airmen safe and healthy is of great concern to me. I want commanders at all levels to continue to emphasize suicide prevention, sexual

assault awareness, teamwork and the wingman concept.

Several units have already done this. USAFE/A4 conducted a warrior briefing where a redeployed Airman delivered a detailed discussion on his downrange experience. USAFE/DS took a creative approach – several of their young Airmen planned their recent Wingman Day.



In fact, the Elite Guard allowed one of its members to purposefully consume alcohol, and then take a sobriety test in front of peers and leadership – a rather dramatic demonstration of the effects of alcohol on our hand-eye coordination. The 38th Combat Support Wing's Operation 0-1-3-0 initiative to reduce alcohol related incidents and DUIs is working – the wing's DUI numbers for the last six months are half of the previous six months. (Operation 0-1-3-0 stands for "zero" underage drinking, no more than "1" drink an hour, no more than "3" drinks per evening, and "zero" DUIs.)

Continue to use director's calls, commander's calls and warrior briefings to stress the wingman concept. To ensure we focus on this priority, I've asked you to set aside one full day for Wingman Day activities between 15 April and 15 May to emphasize keeping our Airmen safe and healthy.

Whether conducting briefings on proper vehicle speed or using the wingman concept to reduce alcohol-related incidents and DUIs, each of us has a tremendous responsibility to take care of each other. I'm proud of all of you and your outstanding efforts to ensure freedom's future.

William A. Hobbs
General Tom Hobbs

**We need to
remember
Holocaust
observance
battles hatred,
intolerance,
prejudice in
today's world**

**By Tech Sgt. David Duggins
91st MSFS**

MINOTAFB, N.D. (AFPN) — Many years ago, I saw a documentary called "Night and Fog," made in 1955 by concentration camp survivor Jean Cayrol and French director Alain Resnais. Only 32 minutes long, depicting concentration camps, medical experiments and starved skeletal victims of the Nazi Final Solution, the film affected me deeply. I felt I had lived in a concentration camp, watched my family die of starvation and seen

them stacked like cordwood and bulldozed into mass graves.

It was the longest 32 minutes of my life.

I'm not Jewish. Born in 1963, I am 18 years removed from the unconditional surrender of German forces in May 1945. It was a distant memory before I began reading history books. This is true for many of us.

So why do we remember?

The best argument is the simplest: There are lessons in this terrible event, relevant to us today as Airmen and human beings.

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Flight leads vs. Wingman

Give inexperienced Airmen
the right example to follow

Maj. Tom "Natron" Means
39th Operations Squadron director of operations

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey – "Safety is something that happens between your ears, not something you hold in your hands." – Jeff Cooper, former Marine lieutenant colonel.

Several months ago, while returning from a stateside TDY, I was waiting in the domestic terminal of the Istanbul Airport when I saw something quite unusual. Among the busy crowd was a young Airman who obviously was new to Turkey and its environment. How did I know this from 50 yards? If the clean shave and short haircut didn't give it away the well-pressed service uniform with a matching Air Force embroidered garment bag did. The fledgling rank on his shoulder meant he'd probably just graduated tech school and was a first-term Airman assigned overseas. Although he stood tall and wore his uniform proudly it was apparent he had nothing more inconspicuous to change into. So, because of the shortcomings of his sponsor, he'd have to wait for a newcomer's briefing to get the force protection lesson which could have prevented this unnecessary risk.

Some would argue he had no "Wingman" that day, but I contest he needed something more. In the fighter business a Wingman is an inexperienced pilot who struggles with the complex tasks and tactics of combat aviation. The brand new wingman can usually keep other aircraft in sight, provide visual mutual support and avoid hitting the ground while maneuvering in three dimensions. Mistakes



are expected and corrected through extra instruction, study and sometimes public embarrassment in front of his peers. It's the flight lead who's responsible for sound judgment, exemplary discipline, timely instruction and overall safe conduct of the flight and its multimillion-dollar assets.

The Wingman Program is based on the fundamental tenet that any "Wingman" can provide mutual support and theoretically mitigate a bad situation. Where this may be true we sometimes overlook the opportunities to call on our experiences and maturity to lead when necessary. Leadership in this case is going the extra mile, calling on the courage to intervene, and tell a complete stranger their behavior is unacceptable and may get themselves hurt or in trouble. How many times have you seen a new crowd at the bar getting a little too loud or rowdy for Incirlik standards?

Although they may have a wingman meeting the intent, their lack of experience in the local area may buy them an entry into the police blotter or worse a night with Jandarma. It's then you, the resident expert or for a better term the flight lead, who needs to watch out for them. Our Airman mentioned earlier needed someone like this.

Not only does this apply to after hours socializing but in every aspect of life while stationed in a foreign country. Before long you'll become the authority on AT/FP, DIGITCON, driving safety and local hazards on and off duty. My point is that we can't afford a preventable accident, ARI or DUI due to inaction when we see a bad situation developing. Be a good flight lead, get engaged, and take care of your fellow Airmen.

Holocaust: Days of Remembrance observed this week

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In 1933, 9 million Jews lived in Europe. By 1945, 6 million had fallen under a methodical state-sponsored program of genocide. Adolf Hitler, advocating the Voelkisch, or National Movement, believed Germans were racially superior. The Nazis sought to cleanse their society of "inferiority" — Jews, Romanians, the Polish and Russians. The campaign also encompassed political and ideological dissidents, Communists, Jehovah's Witnesses and homosexuals.

It ended in 1945, but history often repeats itself. Vietnamese,

Chinese and Cham Muslims were among the 2 million victims of Cambodian dictator Pol Pot's ethnic cleansing from 1974 to 1979. In April 1994, the ethnic majority Hutu exterminated 937,000 Tutsis in Rwanda. Former Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic was charged with genocide by the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal for crimes against humanity carried out from 1992 to 1995. Mr. Milosevic's numerous offenses were disturbingly similar to those perpetrated by the Nazis.

The lesson? Hatred still happens.

Prejudice and intolerance are here and now. Each of us, armed with doctrines of equality and tolerance, can influence others to follow the right path. As Airmen, we have many opportunities to positively influence our peers, subordinates, friends and families.

Enough positive influence can reach the global family of humanity. We have made great strides, but as poet Robert Frost reminds us, there are miles to go before we sleep.

Editor's Note: This year's annual Days of Remembrance observance began Monday and ends Sunday.



Photo by Master Sgt. James A. Rush

A Cleaner Bayrakli

AAFES opened a laundry and dry cleaning outlet near the Bayrakli Park Shoppette April 20. The dropoff and pickup point is open Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 -11:30 a.m. An ATM is located there as well.

Synagogue opens arms to Airmen

Jewish community invites base to join in Passover meal

By Senior Airman Joe Heyworth
425th ABG Security Forces

Izmir's Jewish community opened its arms to Airmen April 17 for a Seder Meal during the annual Passover observance.

The rare opportunity was passed on through the 425th Air Base Group Chaplain's Office. Seventeen Airmen and civilians attended the event.

"The Seder is usually reserved as a family tradition, and is led by the oldest male member of the family," said Maj. Marc Koblentz, 425th ABG staff judge advocate and one of several base Airmen to worship at the local synagogue. "The rabbi introduced this family-like tradition to military personnel in order to allow them to learn more about our holiday and traditions."

Jews have celebrated the tradition for more than 200 generations. It marks the liberation of Israelites from Egyptian enslavement.

"The Seder is designed to transport participants to the times of Moses," said Special Agent Matt Fink, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 523. Dishes served are symbolic. The intent is for the par-

ticipants, "to taste the bitterness of slavery, and the sweetness of freedom," Agent Fink said.

Dinner is in a leisurely manner, similar to the style of ancient Romans and Greeks. Diners eat slowly to savor their freedom from slavery. By comparison, a slave's meal time is quick and reserved to the basic necessities for survival, explained Gila Levi, a Turkish national at the meal.

"The Seder is supposed to transport the table to the times of Moses."
Special Agent Matt Fink
Office of Special Investigations

The rabbi presiding over the evening told the story of the history of the Hebrews' enslavement soon after the death of Abraham's son, Joseph. Moses was born during the Jewish enslavement in Egypt, during a terrible period when the Pharaoh decreed that all male Hebrew infants are to be drowned at birth. His mother, Yocheved, desperate to prolong his life, floated him in a basket in the Nile.

Hearing the crying child as she walked by, the Pharaoh's daughter pitied the crying infant and adopted him (Exodus 2:1-10) ... "Moses was raised as a prince."

Moses' entire story is told in the Torah (Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy of the Bible). The evening closed after three plates of food were served, including dessert.



Ruins of a temple dedicated to Artemis, goddess of fertility, lies in Sardis.

Travellers glimpse Bible history

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Sally Davis
425th ABG Chapel

Seven churches in three days meant 425th Air Base Group and NATO personnel here got a crash course in biblical history April 21 through Sunday.

Sponsored by the 425th ABG Chapel as a Combat Touch program, the Seven Churches of Revelation tour was a voyage to ancient lands that enlightened and fascinated.

"I enjoyed walking the ancient streets in Ephesus, the road as we approached the library was remarkable," said Master Sgt. Sharon Washington. "I especially enjoyed the [Bible] readings that were offered at the sites, it brought to life the scriptures and allowed me to reflect on what was happening at that time in history."

Scholar Dr. Mark Wilson accompanied the group offering insight at each sight from a biblical standpoint.



Army Master Sgt. Charles Hagen reads a Bible passage to the group in the Ephesus stadium where gladiator and wild animal fights were held.

The seven churches are major churches mentioned in the New Testament, Book of Revelation. Each is located in modern-day Turkey. In his revelation, Saint John the Evangelist, was instructed to write in a book what he witnessed, and sent it to the churches. The seven churches include: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

"This was just a great opportunity to visit some of the world's most astonishing historical sites," said Maj. Jason Roberson of the sites.

Pergamum was the first stop on the tour. Travelers learned how the Temple of Trajan is the only empirical cult temple remaining in the city. Pergamum proudly dedicated temples to three emperors, making the city the "temple warden" of the emperor cult three times. The honor of erecting the first temple in Asia to an emperor (Augustus in 29 BC) went to Pergamum. Later came a temple to Trajan (r. 98-117 AD) built by his successor Hadrian. Both emperors were worshiped there.

Day one also saw the group stop in Sardis. Here they viewed a temple dedicated to Artemis. When this temple was constructed it was one of the seven largest Greek temples (more than double the size of the Parthenon).

As the tour continued, the second day was greeted with a trip to Hierapolis, just north of Laodicea. This site is best known for its mineral hot springs, which have produced white calcareous terraces descending from the hillside. These famous white terraces have been called the Turkish name Pamukkale, which means "Cotton Castle."

Finally the tour was led to the popular site of Ephesus. This ancient city, fourth largest of the Roman Empire at one point, was the most important commercial center of the western Anatolia. The extensive ruins including the theatre, library or gymnasium make this stop a must-see for travelers from all over the world.

Airman 1st Class Glorya Nava (left) and Airman Ashley Hess march during "Take Back the Night" at Lackland AFB, Texas, April 5. They are assigned to the 37th Security Forces Squadron.

Sexual assault director busts common myths

By Master Sgt. Orville F. Desjarlais Jr.
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO – The biggest myth about sexual abuse is that the victim lies about it, according to the director of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Outreach Office at nearby Lackland AFB.

Dr. Charlotte Moerbe, a psychologist who once worked in a San Antonio rape crisis center, has made it her life goal to educate people about sexual assault and the misconceptions that surround it.

"A large number of our cases involve our younger generation, and most cases involve alcohol," Dr. Moerbe said. "For many of them, regret does not mean rape. Unfortunately, many times it does. There is no gain to lie about sexual assault."

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, sexual assault is the nation's most underreported violent crime.

One way Dr. Moerbe educates the public about sexual assault is to sponsor a base "Take Back the Night" march each year. The observance dates back to the 1970s.

The march began as a women's organized protest against violence in the late 1970s in Europe. These women-only protests emerged in direct response to the violence that women encountered as they walked the streets at night.

The activities became more coordinated and soon developed into a movement that extended to the United States and, by 1978, the first Take Back the Night events in the United States were held in San Francisco and New York City. Over time, sexual assault awareness activities expanded to include the issue of sexual violence against men and men's participation in ending sexual violence.

"We had a lot of people say that our type of event was contagious," Dr. Moerbe said about her April 5 march through Lackland. "The participants felt empowered and determined to stomp out sexual violence."

The march came less than three weeks after the Department of Defense released the results of its second annual report on the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program.



Photo by Alan Boedeker

The report addressed data on alleged sexual assaults that were reported during 2005 in which members of the armed forces were victims or offenders.

The Air Force received 584 reports of alleged sexual assault – an increase of 28 percent over the year before. One hundred eighty-one reports made under the restricted reporting option accounted for the increase. Twenty-nine of the restricted reports later moved to an unrestricted report, meaning that an investigation was opened.

Dr. Moerbe said everyone expected the rise because of the increased focus on sexual assault prevention education and training. In 2005, DOD mandated all military installations would have a sexual assault policy in place by Jan. 1, 2005. The policy provided a foundation for the department to improve prevention of sexual assault, significantly enhance support to victims and increase reporting and accountability.

If more confidentiality is added to the reporting process, even more sexual assaults may be reported, Dr. Moerbe said.

There are a number of barriers that discourage victims from reporting to investigators and the command, said Claudia Bayliff, chief of the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. The Air Force is focusing on eliminating those barriers.

Since June, military victims of sexual assault have been offered a restricted reporting option, which allows those who have been sexually assaulted to receive medical treatment and support without automatically triggering a criminal investigation.

The Air Force encourages victims to report the crime so it may be investigated and prosecuted. However, the restricted reporting option provides victims who may not be able to immediately take that step, with the care, support and time to make an informed decision.

Nationally, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is observed in April and is dedicated to raising awareness about the nature and prevalence of this crime and to increase prevention efforts.

For more information about sexual assault prevention, visit www.sapr.mil/.

"There is no gain to lie about sexual assault."

Dr. Charlotte Moerbe
Sexual Assault Prevention and Outreach Office director

Pipes with personality

Craftsman spends decades honing skill in art of meerschaum carving

By Tanju Varlikli
425th ABG host nation advisor

Dedicated pipe smokers and discriminating art collectors alike can appreciate the beautifully-crafted meerschaum pipes for which Turkey is known. Pipes or other items carved from the chalk-colored mineral can be a fond memory of an Aegean

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assignment of perhaps a highly-desired gift.

Local artisan Mr. Kamuran Bilgiç makes a wide assortment of meerschaum trinkets and treasures. The display case at his AAFES concession

offers thimbles, jewelry and custom jobs such as military insignia. A long-time fixture at the Izmir Exchange, he is perhaps best known by locals and Americans for the truest expressions of his art – hand-carved pipes featuring the shape of a woman's body or the face of an Ottoman Sultan.

"Mr. Bilgiç does great work, only equaled by some carvers in Eskisehir. The quality and price were superior to shops that I saw in Istanbul, Ankara, and Incirlik," said Lt. Col. Todd Baker, a regular customer from Incirlik AB, Turkey. "I will be buying more meerschaum from him ... he does marvelous work, comparable to carvers that I saw in Eskisehir, and sells for prices similar to those in Eskisehir."

Meerschaum, a German word meaning sea foam, is a mineral, white in color. A silicate of magnesium, it is obtained from various places but the best quality comes from Eskisehir, Western Turkey, where most



Photos by Master Sgt. James A. Rush

(Top) Mr. Kamuran Bilgiç uses a drill to carve details into a custom pipe commissioned for a smoker in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



(Left) Mr. Bilgiç's pipes are known for featuring the shape of a woman's body, sultans or Indian chiefs. The white meerschaum turns brown with regular use.

meerschaum pipes are made. They are highly-sought all over the world often being sold for several hundred U.S. dollars, according to Mr. Bilgiç. Many of the pipes for sale at his shop are priced between \$45 and \$50.

Mr. Bilgiç's work was featured in *Pipes & Tobacco Magazine* in the

winter of 1998. As a young man, he tried his hand as an amateur photographer from March 1960 to January 1961. He also worked as a furniture apprentice until March 1962, when he met Mr. Ferit Üfersoy in a little shop called "Handmade" located

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Turizm office eases official travel process

By Master Sgt. James A. Rush
425th ABG Public Affairs

Official travel promises to get a lot easier with the expected opening of a Viking Turizm office in Bayrakli Park Building T-113 this week, according to traffic management officials here.

Gone will be trips downtown to pay for and pick up tickets for official travel. "Customers won't have to leave this building," said Tech. Sgt. Jon Amarino, the quality assurance inspector who observes the traffic management contract.

The 425th Air Base Group Traffic Management Office still reviews official travel plans to ensure trips are appro-

priate and follow authorized routes, he said. Customers complete a form that details their travel needs. This is forward to Viking to make reservations.

"But instead of going to Alsancak to pick up your tickets, you'll be able to walk down the hall," he said.

The target date for opening Viking Turizm's office is Monday, but if connections go smoothly, they could serve customers today or tomorrow, according to Izmir's traffic management officer Matt Brandstetter. Having travel agents on hand does more than eliminate trips downtown, he said.

"You get better visibility within the reservations system ... to get the cheapest and best fare," he said.

NATO customers will complete the travel information form at the TMO office in Sirinyer. The form will be sent to Bayrakli where reservations will be made. When tickets are ready, travelers can use the interbase shuttle to come over and pay for their ticket.

All official travel tickets are supposed to be paid for using the government travel card.

Viking Turizm handles only official travel, leave in conjunction with official travel or consecutive overseas assignment travel.

Recreational travel is handled by the ITT office. For more information, call the traffic management office at 675-3689/05 (NATO office 675-4124/45).

Pipes: Craftsman brings quality, value to shoppers

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on the First Kordon.

"It was the 15th day of March in 1962, a Friday which I will never forget, when I saw a young man carving meerschaum pipes with his little pen knife in front of his shop as I was fishing on the First Kordon," Mr. Bilgiç said, a toothy smile forming as he fondly recalled the memory. "I approached him and asked him what it was that he was carving and he replied 'Meerschaum.' I asked him if I could do the same thing."

Mr. Ürersoy challenged young Kamuran to try giving him a piece of meerschaum and the pen knife. The future pipemaster of the Izmir Base Exchange returned the next day with his creation – an Ottoman Sultan face.

"He looked at and said 'Well done,'" Mr. Bilgiç said. "After asking me to prepare another one, he offered me a job as his apprentice where I worked until 1979 and since that day I have been giving life to the meerschaums, carving pipes of numerous sizes and shapes."

Mr. Bilgiç honed his skills in that little shop for 17 years becoming a master meerschaum carver. He did his military service in 1966, but continued carving in his spare time making faces of people in bars of soap given to him by his soldier friends. After returning from his military service, he

continued his apprenticeship until 1979. He started working for AAFES June 15, 1979, after selling meerschaum pipes in front of the commissary for 10 days.

The opportunity to buy custom-made, hand-carved goods is a big draw for his patrons.

"My customers bring photos or logos from which they choose the design of their pipes and I start from there," Mr. Bilgiç said. "If it is a small pipe, it normally takes one day to finish the product."

He dips fist-sized blocks into water to soften them and carves the meerschaum until noon. Then he works on the stem and polishes it all with bee wax. Larger pipes (20cm x 10cm) take three to four days.

If desired, Mr. Bilgiç can darken the color of his carvings to resemble similar work common to Kenya. The African meerschaum, while normally less expensive is of poorer quality, he said.

"Not all pipe smokers prefer white meerschaum pipes. When my customers want, I burn the white meerschaum and turn it into brown or black according to their likes – which look like the ones sold in Kenya for cheaper prices," he said. "[However] an interesting fact about pipe smoking is that the white meerschaum pipe gets browner, the more you smoke it."

Bargain hunters at the bazaar might find less expensive pipes, but should beware. Many cheap pipes are made from compressed meerschaum that is liable to crack after one or two uses, according to Mr. Mustafa Kazandi, owner of the oldest souvenir shop in Kemeralti (opened in 1960).

"Mr. Bilgiç's detailed products are of great quality and as an AAFES concessionaire and friend, he is very trustworthy," Mr. Kazandi said.

Mr. Bilgiç finishes his products with no assistance from anybody else. He even creates his own tools. For those who are interested in pipes and other items made of pure block meerschaum, the exchange display with examples of Mr. Bilgiç's artistry is worth a stop.



Most pipes are carved from fist-sized blocks of meerschaum.



Photos by Master Sgt. James A. Rush

Cigli AB's goalie punches the ball away from Sultan players during a corner kick play.



(Above) Imad Mohammadi races ahead of Yauuz Mermer to line up a kick down the line.

(Right) Sultan assistant coach and fitness trainer Isik Osman helps forward Cagdas Duru to the sideline where he would recover from an ankle sprain.



Big Red Machine tops Cigli again

Three goals by forward Cuneyt Aslan gave the Sultans their third straight win, 5-3, over cross-town rival Cigli AB at Bayrakli Park Tuesday. Fellow Sultan Titus "SWAT" Serrell inadvertently assisted on one of Aslan's goals by blocking a defender's clearing kick with his face. The ball rebounded to the scorer who had a clear shot on goal. Serrell scored a goal of his own too chipping in a rebound. Defender Carlos Davila capped the scoring with a 30-yard shot off a free kick. Hamdi Kayim drilled home two for the visitors, both assisted by Yauuz Mermer. The teams play here again May 12.



Defender J.C. Brooks takes aim before sending the ball downfield.



Paintball fields are becoming more common on Air Force bases for both official and recreational use. (Left) An Airman sits out after being "killed" during training in Southwest Asia that uses paintball/bullet hybrids.

(Below) Capt. Jerime Reid fires at an "enemy" at a recreational paintball field on Osan AB, South Korea.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Strang

GO-CARTS, BOULDERING, PAINTBALL

Innovation abounds for 'Lik' outdoor recreation

By Senior Airman Tim Beckham
39th ABW Public Affairs

INCIRLIK AB, Turkey – Work weeks can be long and demanding and everyone has their own way of unwinding. Some find relaxation with a good book and warm bath while others want to venture off base and experience the wonders of Turkey firsthand.

The 39th Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation Office already provides many opportunities for the Incirlik community to see and do more, but now they plan to make on-base activities a top priority.

"We have five new facilities and programs we are going to try to launch," said Christopher Skully, 39th SVS Community Support Flight chief.

The first of which is an off-road go-cart track.

"Our goal is to have the track available for both Turkish and American customers ages 12 and up," said Mr. Skully.

The go-cart track, scheduled to be completed this summer, is the first of its kind in the Department of Defense.

"The track will be located in the grassy area in the middle of the triangle," said Mr. Skully. "The go-carts, which will be 150 cubic centimeter dune-buggy style off-road vehicles, will be two seaters and can be ridden in by anyone 75 pounds or heavier. The minimum age to operate the vehicles is proposed to be 12 years old and up."

Outdoor recreation also has a bouldering (rock climbing) wall project slated to be installed at Arkadas Park.

"A bouldering wall is a horizontal traversing wall," said

Mr. Skully. "The wall will be about eight feet high and 30 to 40 feet long. It's a low to no risk activity."

"The wall will have a variety of angled climbing panels with plastic holds and will have beginner, intermediate and expert routes," said Chris Whitener, 39th SVS Outdoor Recreation director.

A paintball field is also in Incirlik's near future.

"This spring time we will be opening an on-base paintball field for our loyal paintball customers," said Mr. Skully. "The field will have about three acres of play area and will be equipped with foxholes, bunkers, large-cable spools and a fully demilitarized A-10." The paintball field will be located in the open area behind the golf course and will be open to everyone on base.

"We will be able to organize more frequent games, tournaments and even intramurals," said Mr. Skully. "We have plenty of paintball equipment for people to use."

"We will be able to arrange for people to play during the week," said Mr. Whitener. "It will augment our off base trips and we may even have squadron competitions."

The outdoor recreation office also has two more facilities in planning for Incirlik's not so near future.

"In early to mid 2007 we hope to open a four-station-batting cage," said Mr. Skully. "The batting cages will be located next to the softball/baseball fields."

With so many new innovations coming up, its no wonder the 39th SVS Outdoor Recreation was named a five-star facility by the Air Force Services Agency.

"Part of outdoor rec's mission is to build a healthy and fun program for its members to enjoy," said Mr. Skully. "At an isolated assignment like Incirlik it's important to provide a variety of activities so people have leisure time they can see and do as much as possible."



Photo by Airman Gina Chiaverotti

'SOURCE' problems

People accessing the web page the "SOURCE" may experience problems, such as a pop-up asking for user name and password.

There may be a password expired notice even before a change is due. Users need to change their password to comply with the new password policy.

To do this, hit "ctrl-alt-del" and select change password. If the system locks, call the Help Desk at 675-3208.

Buying carpets

Obtain a sales receipt for carpets purchased while in Turkey to be on the safe side during PCS from Izmir.

This applies to hand made or machine made carpets. The receipt should state that the carpet is "NEW" since exporting antique carpets violates Turkish Customs.

Carpets must also be listed on beyanname inventories.

Backpacks

Backpacks worn with battle dress uniforms must be solid black, olive drab or woodland camouflage. Solid black backpacks may be worn with blue uniforms also. Backpacks must be worn over both shoulders.

CHAPEL PROGRAMS**Sundays:**

9 a.m. – **Catholic Sacrament of Reconciliation**

10 a.m. – **Catholic Mass**

11:30 p.m. – **Protestant Service**

Weekdays:

Wednesdays,
5:30 p.m. – Protestant choir practice
7 p.m. – Bible study

Special Events:

May 22-26 – St. Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey, see chapel office for information.

Auto break-ins

To prevent vehicle break-ins, do not leave anything of value in plain view. Recent victims have left jackets, CDs, and detachable radio face plates still attached.

It takes a thief only a few seconds to break a window and run off with valuables.

One of the most common areas where vehicle break-ins occur is the road directly behind the base exchange parallel to Culture Park. Security forces recommends people



avoid this area and park in guarded car parks and lighted areas.

For more crime preventions information call 675-3594.

Dental Survey

Headquarters USAFE is sending out an e-mail survey designed to gauge family member dental care in Europe. The EUCOM Quality of Life office encourages everyone who receives the e-mail survey to take a few moments to provide feedback. The survey runs April 18 to May 18 and is quick, easy and entirely online.

Computers 'on'

Computers should be left on at all times per USAFE policy. This is to ensure that critical security patches are installed on to every machine within a timely manner. This includes machines at NATO and Cigli. Monitors may be turned off or set to blank using the screen saver. Direct questions to the helpdesk at 675-3208

Password policy

USAFE implemented a new network password policy April 15. This changes the expiration time to every 60 days instead of 90. New passwords will be nine characters long and must include two numbers, two lower case characters, two upper case characters and two special characters in any order. Direct questions to the helpdesk at 675-3208.

Classified ads

For additional information call public affairs at 675-3659 or 3369.

HOUSEWARE

Iron / ironing board, 220v, had only eight months, sell before PCS, \$15, james.rush@izmir.af.mil.

Quarterly awards

The 425th Air Base Group quarterly award winners for January through March are:

Ayla Ozalp, services
Neslihan Yidirim, logistics

Senior Airman
Natasha M. Howell, security forces

Staff Sgt. Edward D. Nelson II, security forces

Master Sgt. Roy L. King, services

Capt. Walter Dedrick, logistics

Top volunteer

The 425th Air Base Group volunteer of the year is **Leigh Dedrick**.

AFSA Airman

Senior Airman Michael W. Skonetski, security forces, is the 425th Air Base Group Air Force Sergeants Association First Term Airman of the Year for 2006.

Commissary

The Izmir Commissary won the Defense Commissary Agency 11th Annual Merchandising Contest in the small store category.

Club: Bayrakli facility invests heavily in fun for its membership

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tomers' expense. It moved twice, from Alsancak to Bayrakli Park and then from Building 206 to its current location without interrupting its 24-hour service.

"This gives everyone, especially shiftworkers, a place to eat 24 hours a day, seven days a week and gives personnel a place to go relax and enjoy themselves after getting off shift. These services increase morale and quality of life," said Master Sgt. Stanley Fairchild, superintendent, Security Forces Operations.

Club programs such as complimentary Sunday brunches, karaoke, oriental dance lessons, Turkish-American nights, bingo nights were well-utilized by customers, Mr. Freund said. Add to this a dedicated staff of employees and the result is an award-winning organization.

"Truly, it is the excellent 24-hour personal service that makes the difference which you do not see in big state-side clubs. [Club manager Mr. James Kutrubis's] attention to detail, service for excellence and the Turkish hospitality of our club staff are the keys to our success."

Club membership reflects customer satisfaction as well. Airmen and NCOs join at an 86 percent rate and every officer assigned to the group is a member. Air Force average is 63 percent. In return, the club spends \$2.80 on total entertainment for every dollar collected in membership dues.

For those, who are interested in becoming a club member, club dues are \$3 for Airmen, \$7 for NCOs and \$12 for officers.



(Clockwise from top) Julian Davis and Georgianna Henry enjoy Turkish-American Night. Fusun Ucar brings lunch to Master Sgt. James Rush. Fahri Uzundag serves up the Tuesday Lunch Special - enchiladas (below) - to Tech. Sgt. James Smith.



Photos by Senior Airman Calvin Williams